**Community Corrections Advisory Board**

**Minutes – January 9, 2025 (In Person & Zoom)**

**Members Present:** In person: Christopher Haney and Michael Birzer

Via Zoom: Becky Springer; Capt. Chad Beard; Hon. Tyler Roush; Pastor Pamela Hughes Mason; Capt. Cody Alexander; Aaron Breitenbach; and Peter Shay

**Members Absent:** Sandra Clinard-Flanders; Juanita Denise Ridge; Benita Chaplin; and Samuel Steincamp

**Staff:** In person Lori Gibbs; Tom Struble; Sasha Teel; Monica Harris; Samantha Mount; Christina Schrage; Lesa Lank; and Julee Meslin

Via Zoom: Chris Morales; Steve Stonehouse

**Guests**: Rusty Leeds

**Introductions and Announcements:** None

**ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from the prior meeting on December 12, 2024. *A motion to approve the Minutes from the December 12 meeting was made by Pastor Pamela Hughes Mason seconded by Peter Shay and unanimously approved.***

**ACTION ITEM*:* Approval of the 2024 CAB Annual Summary Report. *Peter Shay made the motion to approve the 2024 Annual Summary, the motion was seconded by Pastor Pamela Hughes Mason and unanimously approved.***

**ACTION ITEM: Elections for chair, vice-chair, and secretary. *Lesa Lank facilitated the 2025 Officer elections. Everyone attending via zoom was asked to submit his or her ballot to Christina Schrage via email, in person. Lesa Lank and Christina Schrage counted the Ballots with the following outcome: Chair-Aaron Breitenbach; Vice-Chair- Cody Alexander; Secretary- Sandra Clinard-Flanders. The board unanimously approved the appointed officers.***

**Program Updates:**  Adult Intensive Supervision Program - reported by Tom Stuble: The current ISO training is being updated to have ISO II’s be trained by KDOC and then implement the training they receive to the ISO I staff to conduct risk needs assessment.

Adult Residential and Work Release – reported by Sasha Teel: ARES held a holiday party for clients and their families. There is now medical staff on-site for client needs through VitalCore. Sasha added information about the risk needs and how it is necessary as there has not been a solution for years that has actually been reliable and positive that everything is now handled internally.

Specialty Courts – reported by Monica Harris: There is data being complied to show the recidivism rates for clients who have completed the program 2018 to current that checks for recidivism at 1, 3, and 5 year marks. There is a DC program review every two years to confirm they are targeting the right groups of people, Dr. Craig-Moreland from W.S.U. is helping with this review. Drug Court has 102 clients and Veterans Treatment Court now has 5 clients enrolled. The VA Hospital held a training for VTC staff with Veterans present to help staff learn how to better interact with Veterans. There has also been Cognitive Skills training and they are implementing new curriculum, Courage to Change, this is to help staff find more specified target areas of risk.

Adult Services – Lori Gibbs noted a discussion was needed for budget allocation. She discussed the work going into helping clients with mental health issues and how NAMI is partnering to assist with implementation strategies to help those in need. Budget Allocation – reported by Steve Stonehouse: The KDOC has proposed a new budget allocation formula. They included certain other counties, for example Johnson County, regarding the proposed funding formula, but Sedgwick County was not invited to provide feedback. Many of the factors used for the funding formula, though theoretically logical are not aligned with how Sedgwick County currently handles their staffing. Sedgwick County is the most populated county in Kansas yet looking to receive a 51% decrease in funds over the next three years. The proposed formula does benefit other districts, such as Johnson County. Steve stated that these cuts, if implemented, would most likely cause spikes in population in both the jail and prisons, and supportive programs such as Batterers Intervention Programs, Substance Abuse Programs, etc. would have to be eliminated. This formula is set to be in effect 7/1/25, Rusty Leeds reported that they have asked the County’s state lobbyist to push back and lobby against the proposed formula. Lori mentioned we have ISO position vacancies held open due to the current funding discussions. The county would not be able to provide programs beyond traditional supervision if this new formula is fully adopted. The bulk of the cut coming from Sedgwick County would go to Johnson County with this new system. If this is pushed through we would need to have all services eliminated by 2027. To do so, the county would need to start now by not filling open positions. Aaron Breitenbach stated that he and Marc Bennett will support in the opposition of this proposed funding with letter writing and calls so that Sedgwick County can continue to make a difference in the community.

**Other Business**: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2025.